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FM AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1529

INFO AMEMBASSY MADRID

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AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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MADRID AND PARIS FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, AG

SUBJ: REVIEW OF NARCOTICS ACTION PLAN FOR ALGERIA

REF: STATE 233134, ALGIERS A-47, AUGUST 20, 1974

1. SITUATION. ALGERIA DOES NOT PRESENT SERIOUS  
NARCOTICS PROBLEMS EITHER INTERNALLY OR FOR US OR ANY  
OTHER COUNTRY. ALGERIAN LAW FORBIDS PRODUCTION, SALE,  
POSSESSION AND/OR USAGE OF DRUGS, INCLUDING CANNABIS,  
AND IT IS STRICTLY ENFORCED BY POLICE AND FLN PARTY.  
ACCORDING TO FOREIGN MINISTRY (MESLOUB), ALGERIAN  
NATIONAL DRUG COMMISSION IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING NATION'S  
DRUG LAWS TO ASSURE THEY ARE FULLY CONSISTENT WITH  
OBJECTIVES AND MORALITY OF ALGERIAN REVOLUTION. IF  
ANYTHING, HESAYS, LAWS WILL BE FURTHER TIGHTENED.

2. CONTROLLED ALGERIAN PRESS HAS REPORTED THREE OR FOUR  
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ARRESTS IN RECENT MONTHS OF SMALL GROUPS ENGAGED IN

SMUGGLING AND SALE OF CANNABIS (KIF AND CHIRA). LATEST REPORT, DECEMBER 5, SIGNALS ARREST OF SIX MOROCCAN NATIONALS ATTEMPTING SMUGGLE CANNABIS INTO ALGERIA IN FALSE AUTO TRUNK BOTTOMS. ARTICLES HIGHLIGHT POLICE VIGILANCE AND STIFF PENALTIES EXPECTED.

3. US-ALGERIAN COOPERATION. FIRST ALGERIAN CANDIDATE FOR NARCOTICS TRAINING IN US IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING DEA COURSE. HE SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD POINT OF CONTACT WITH ALGERIAN CUSTOMS INSPECTION SERVICE IN FUTURE. WE HOPE NATIONAL GENDARMERIE AND SURETE NATIONALE, IN ADDITION TO CUSTOMS SERVICE, WILL BE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN FUTURE DEA AND AID-SPONSORED COURSES.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL, WE BELIEVE, FOR NARCOTICS ATTACHE IN PARIS, MADRID OR RABAT (IF ESTABLISHED) TO BE ACCREDITED TO ALGERIA AND TO PLAN TO VISIT ALGIERS IN 1975. WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS RESTORED, ALGERIAN SECURITY AUTHORITIES MAY BE MORE INTERESTED IN COOPERATION ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS MATTERS AND SUCH A VISIT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST WATER WITH THEM. PARKER

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